## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA**

## **MINUTES**

## **FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

The Executive Council met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. via conference call as a meeting in person was impractical due to the Governor's State of Public Health Disaster Emergency Proclamation. Governor Kim Reynolds presided over the meeting. Secretary Paul Pate, Auditor of State Rob Sand, Treasurer of State Michael Fitzgerald and Secretary of Agriculture Michael Naig were present

Regular Session February 8, 2021

Moved by Secretary Naig and seconded by Auditor Sand that the Council approve the minutes of the Executive Council Meeting on January 25, 2021.

Minutes Approved

Moved by Secretary Naig and seconded by Treasurer Fitzgerald that the Executive Council approve the request.

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds

Secretary Pate Auditor Sand

Treasurer Fitzgerald

Secretary Naig

Nays: None

Dennis Harper, Recovery Division Administrator, Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, was present to request approval of an Emergency Allocation in the amount of \$49,134,563.00 pursuant to Presidential Disaster Declaration DR-4557.

Personal Appearance

Moved by Treasurer Fitzgerald and seconded by Secretary Naig that the Executive Council approve the request.

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds

Secretary Pate Auditor Sand

Treasurer Fitzgerald Secretary Naig

Nays: None

Moved by Secretary Naig and seconded by Treasurer Fitzgerald that the Council approve the request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's office as follows:

Approved Special Counsel

A. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's office requested retention of special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7 to provide specialized legal services and representation to Iowa State University (ISU) with respect to an uninsured property loss.

Firm: Grotefeld Hoffmann

6034 West Courtyard Drive

Suite 200

Austin, TX 78730

Rate: Fees will be in accordance with a separate contingent fee

agreement between ISU and special counsel, which shall comply with the requirements of Iowa Code section 23B.3.

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds

Secretary Pate Auditor Sand

Treasurer Fitzgerald Secretary Naig

Nays: None

Moved by Secretary Naig and seconded by Secretary Pate that the Council approve the following cost items:

Approved Payment of Cost Items

A. Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors & Roberts, P.C.....\$747.00

The Davis Brown Tower

215 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1300

Des Moines, IA 50309-3993

<u>Legal Services to state agencies on issues related to the visa status of prospective</u> state employees

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds

Secretary Pate Auditor Sand

Treasurer Fitzgerald Secretary Naig

Nays: None

The vote:

Moved by Secretary Pate and seconded by Auditor Sand that the meeting adjourn.

Ayes: Governor Reynolds

Secretary Pate Auditor Sand

Treasurer Fitzgerald

Secretary Naig

Nays: None

Respectfully submitted,

Meeting adjourned

Victoria Newton Executive Secretary